

SHORT TERM IT JOB TRENDS	Connecticut ▲
	Massachusetts ●
	New York Metro ●
	National ●

Labor demand for IT professionals dropped slightly in October. Employers posted a daily average of 690 open positions for information technology specialists. This is 2.8% less that in September. The data shows that the market is still growing at incremental rates while going through the annual up and down cycles. This is in line in with Connecticut's economy which is still reeling from the last recession. On the other side, 2014 is the first year since the last recession during which employers in the state have consistently added jobs to their payrolls as data from the Connecticut Department of Labor shows.

Employers in the Healthcare sector increased their posted technology job openings in October. Healthcare jobs requiring information technology skills have been on the rise again and are approaching a four year high. Employers in Financial Services and Banking had fewer job openings last month.

The national average grew just 0.5% in October.

Table 1: IT Job Openings, Connecticut*

Oct 14	Sep 14	Aug 14	Oct 13	Oct 12
690	710	740	620	480

Fig.1: IT Open Positions, Connecticut*

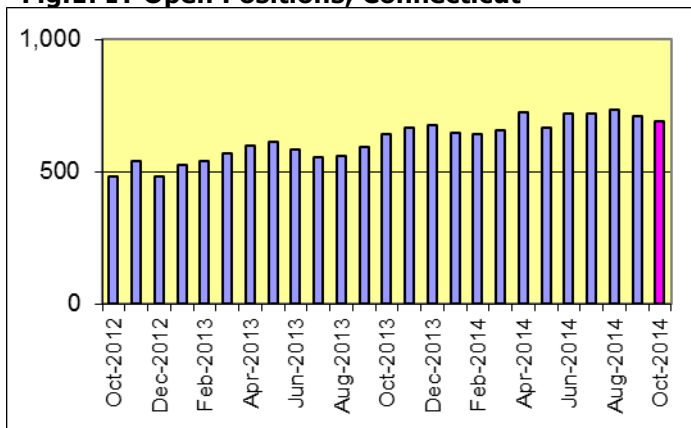


Table 2: IT Job Opening Estimates by Category*

	Oct 14	Oct 13
Total IT Job Market	690	620
IT Management	190	90
IT Architects/Consultants	150	160
Systems Eng./Support	130	120
Software Development	120	130
Systems Administration	30	40
IT Sales and Marketing	30	30
Business/Process Design	20	20
Misc.IT Job Categories	20	20

Table 3: Top 15 Needed Skills (Job Openings*)

	Oct 14	Oct 13
Business Analysis	220	190
SQL	190	150
Oracle DBMS	160	120
Java	130	150
Unix	120	80
Flash	110	120
Large system technologies	110	140
Windows OS	90	80
Offshore team coordination	90	60
Web Services	90	70
Linux	80	70
Microsoft SQL Server	70	80
SOA (Service Oriented Architecture)	70	50
ETL	70	50
Mainframe	60	90



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*) Estimated monthly averages are based on actual count of job openings.

METHODOLOGY

SkillPROOF surveys the inventories of job openings at large, regional and nationwide direct employers. Job openings are counted and verified every 24 hours. All data sources have been verified for timely removal of filled or closed positions. No data from job boards or search firms are included.

For this report SkillPROOF estimates the counts of job openings. Estimates are calculated directly from SkillPROOF's actual daily counts of job openings. As a base for its calculations, SkillPROOF uses data and findings from reports of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) <http://www.bls.gov>.